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D. C. SCHOOL BOARD MAY BE ABOLISHED

Congressman King Introduces Bill to Establish New Regime Here.

Abolition of the present school system of the District of Columbia and the establishment of what is known as the Scharf Modern System for Urban Public Schools, is provided in a bill introduced in the House by Congressman E. J. King of Illinois.

The main intent of the bill is to centralize authority and do away with the present cumbersome, unwieldy system, in the opinion of the introducer.

"It is impossible to satisfactorily fix responsibility under the present school system of the District," Mr. King said today. "This bill will put the school system on a business basis."

The King bill is based on a school system developed by E. L. Scharf, Ph. D., a Washington educator, residing at 2003 Mozart street.

Three Departments. The functions of the school system of the District of Columbia would be divided into three independent departments under the provisions of the King bill, as follows:

The pedagogical department, the business department and the inspection department, each to be conducted under one head, with full power, responsibility and accountability.

The pedagogical department would be under a general superintendent of schools, "who shall have sole power to appoint and dismiss his assistants, principals, and teachers." He would also have the power to select the text books, arrange the curriculum and discharge all other duties pertaining purely to the business of teaching.

The general superintendent would be appointed by the President of the United States, with the consent of the Senate, and would receive a salary of \$6,000 annually.

Other Provisions. Other provisions of the King bill follow:

"Section 4. That the business department shall be under the business manager of schools, who shall have sole power to appoint and dismiss his assistants, as well as architects, physicians, engineers and janitors; he shall also have sole power to select building sites, erect buildings for schools and other school purposes, repair buildings, purchase coal and other supplies needed for the schools. He shall be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and his salary shall be \$6,000 per annum.

Section 5—That the inspection department shall be under one chief inspector of schools, who shall have

MISS DORA PETTINOTO, of Williamsbridge, N. Y., photographed on her arrival in New York after spending more than five years in Italy. Miss Pettinoto has the distinction of having been the only graduate Red Cross nurse in Italy at the outbreak of the war.



sole power to appoint and dismiss his assistants and other employees of his department. It shall be his duty, and that of his assistants, to visit the schools and after exhibiting the required card of authorization, examine the class as to its progress. The reports on the condition and progress of the different schools shall be kept on file at the office of the chief inspector and at the end of each school year shall be submitted to the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives. He shall appoint an auditor of the business department and file his report at the end of each school year with the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives. His salary shall be \$6,000 per annum.

"Sec. 6 That the salary of no

teacher shall be less than \$1,200 per annum and shall be paid in twelve regular monthly payments.

"Sec. 7. That the salaries of the assistants to the heads of the departments and of the principals of the high schools, normal schools, polytechnical schools shall be \$4,000 per annum, payable in equal monthly installments.

"Sec. 8. That after July 1, 1921, no new teacher shall be appointed in the common schools of the District of Columbia who has not had a three years' course in a normal school, or who can pass the required examination to be conducted under the supervision of the superintendent by whomsoever he shall designate for this purpose.

"Sec. 9. That the salaries of janitors and similar employees shall be not less than \$75 for small schools and not less than \$125 for large buildings, and no janitor shall be appointed to any large building who has no certificate as engineer.

School Board Abolished.

"Section 10. That the school board is hereby abolished. The heads of the three departments may, however, constitute an advisory council, but without any authority whatever of one member of this council over any other.

"Section 11. That the powers herein granted to appoint the heads of the three departments of the school system shall also be accompanied by the power of dismissal.

"I understand that some of the leading educators in Washington approve of the Scharf plan, and some members of the board of education will no doubt favor it," Mr. King said.

'BABY VAMP' BROKE UP HOME, SAYS WIFE

Hubby Spent All on Trips With Soul Mate, Mrs. Kearney Tells Court.

Alleging that for the past five years her husband has been separated from her at times by a woman he calls his "baby vamp," Ida L. Kearney, of 1039 Ninth street northwest, today filed a suit for absolute divorce from Robert H. Kearney, in the District Supreme Court. She asks for the custody of their infant children.

Naming a correspondent, Mrs. Kearney says her husband has left home several times with a woman, visiting New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, and other cities.

She alleges he would bring home stories about his "vamp," who is employed in a large department store here.

Mrs. Kearney alleges the "vamp" disrupted her home, causing her husband to spend all their savings, and to sell his business. E. E. Frey represents the wife, who asks that the correspondent be forced to pay expenses of the suit.

NEGROES INDORSE LYNCHING. ATHENS, Ga., Sept. 24.—Negroes at a mass meeting near Lexington, Ga., have indorsed the action of whites in lynching Obe Cox, negro, accused of attacking and murdering the wife of a white farmer.

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